



**News from Congressman**

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## **Don't Let the Assault Weapons Ban Lapse, Lantos Urges White House, Congress Leaders**

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo/San Francisco) today urged President Bush and the Congressional Republican leadership to renew the federal ban on numerous assault weapons, or risk having them flood the streets when the ban lapses on September 13.

“We owe it to our children, we owe it to law enforcement officers, and we owe it to every citizen to remove this unnecessary threat,” Lantos said. “It an outrage that the Republican leadership will not move to renew the assault weapons ban during the few legislative days we have left. If that bill does not pass, by mid-September AK-47s and Uzis will once again be legally and all too easily available to criminals and terrorists and others who should not have them.”

Lantos is a co-sponsor of the bipartisan bill, HR 3831, which was introduced in February, but has been barred from coming to the House floor, even though President Bush has said he supports extending the ban.

“There is widespread support for renewing this important law,” Lantos said. “Perhaps the most vocal support has come from the law enforcement community – every major law enforcement organization wants to see the ban on semiautomatic weapons remain in place. Better than most, they know that this is a common-sense measure that has proven to protect American families.”

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